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Chapter One:

General definition of environmental protection given: allowing conditions of life to continue

Positive step taken in USSR-US agreement of 1972.

Capitalism and its hurried industrialization at fault for present conditions

Soviet scientific work cited:

CPYRGHT "Recently Soviet scientists completed a large

project systemizing materials relating to the earth's waters and prepared a CPYRGH monograph entitled, "The World's Water Balance and Water Resources on Earth"." (p 12)

> Legislative measures taken in the Soviet Union, beginning with Lenin's Land Tecree on 26 October 1917 and continuing to the joint resolution of the Central Committee and the Council of Ministers on 29 December 1972, "Concerning the Strengthening of Environmental Protection and Improving the Use of Natural Resources".

Chapter Two:

The joint resolution of December 1972, referred to as "Resolution #898, is the guideline for legislation to be passed at the republic and local levels.

"In the near future we may anticipate the formulation on an all-Union scale of a codification of universal legal standards relating to environmental protection through the issuance of an appropriate Union law, but for the present CPYRGH there is a codification of departmentalized legislation: earth, water, forest, mining, as a result of the issuance of Principles of legislation in the USSR and union-republics, and in each of the republics the appropriate codes: earth, water, forest, mining." (p 23)

"Among the most important underlying laws concerning environmental protection, the following have particular significance: "Principles of land legislation of the USSR and union-republics" (1968), "Principles of legislation of the USSR and union-republics concerning public health" (1969), and "Principles of water legislation of the USSR and union-republics" (1970)." (pp 23-24)

Text goes on to discuss each of these laws, pp. 24-271-1

Background of Resolution #898 given: result of Supreme Soviet request in September 1972 for legislation on the subject.

Entrusting of State Committee for Science and Technology with the development of a prognosis concerning possible changes in the biosphere as a result of the development of branches of the economy over the next 20-30 years. The State Committee for Science and Technology, together with the Academy of Sciences USSR, must organize an Interdepartmental scientific-technical council on the complex problems CPYRGH of environmental protection and rational use of natural resources, which is tasked with performing a series of important consultative government functions. example, it must inspect declarations on the establishing of standards and laws in a given practical field, including control over pollution, and determine fundamental scientific-technical problems in the area." (p 30)

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"The Central Statistical Administration of the USSR is entrusted with the government's accounting for the fulfillment on the part of ministries and departments of measures concerning the rational use of natural resources, their protection from pollution and depletion, the prevention and liquidation of the hormful Approved For Release 2000/09/06 : CIA-RDP79-00798A001000140009-3

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influence approved For Release 2000 M9406 in Clark the Temperatory 1000 140009-3 recultivation of lands, that is, restoration of their favorable qualities. State economic planning, which takes into account environmental protection measures, is based on scientific concepts, constantly being reworked, of USSR economic growth over the long-term, and on data of the General outline of productive forces investment on the short-term (up to 1980) and regional planning outlines representing the territorial planning perspective." (pp 31-32)

## Chapter Three:

Gosstroy USSR has issued a number of standards acts in answer to Resolution #898, including "Instructions on creation of outlines and projects of rayon planning". (17 Jul 72), and "Sanitary norms of planning industrial enterprises" (5 Nov 71).

Ministries and departments of the USSR and Councils of Ministers of the Union-republics utilize outside expertise in ensuring conformity to standards. However, there are serious shortcomings in this area. (p 42)

Social pressure is recognized as a controlling factor, as in the case of the Lake Baykal issue and recent "Komsomol'skaya Pravda" reports on the building of roads through a Kavkaz wildlife preserve. (p 44)

### Chapter Four:

Local efforts for land restoration lauded. Figures given on Ukrainian land reclamation (p 46).

"Particular attention is focused in the Ukraine on defense of soil from erosion. A general outline has been worked up for erosion preventative measures for the period 1971-1990." (p 46)

"The largest in Europe Kakhovskaya irrigation system occupying more than 600,000 hectares is being constructed." (p 46)

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Meetings in which land restoration questions have been discussed have taken place at many local councils. "These questions have been reviewed by standing commissions on agriculture and environmental protection of the republic Supreme Soviets". (p 47)

Industry has taken over much fertile land. Instances are cited pp 49-50.

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Criminal codes for misuse of land and specific examples of violations are cited pp 51-56.

### Chapter Five:

Chapter is concerned with preparation of new fundamental law entitled "Principles of Legislation of the USSR and Union-republics Concerning the Earth's Riches". [Law issued July 9, 1975 - tr. note]

Definition of Russian word "nedra" (earth's riches or wealth) given on p 57.

Shortcomings of mineral extraction methods, wasteage of minerals extracted and damage to land being mined discussed on p 59.

# Chapter Six:

Water pollution: good overview of existing water legislation, including the examples of Lake Baykal and proposed reversal of flow of northern rivers.

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Legislation pertaining to protection of forests from fires, improper cutting.
Includes specific amounts of fines levied.

## Chapter Eight:

Wildlife legislation, including rules for hunting and fines for posching; also, fishing laws.

## Chapter Nine:

Legislation pertaining to protection of "monuments to nature": wildlife preserves, historical reserves, national parks. These laws protect monuments to nature by ensuring that they are not used for agricultural purposes nor abused by tourism.

## Chapter Ten:

Urban planning discussed, including Soviet Union's control of population shifts into cities and into Siberia and the Far East, atmospheric pollution relating to automobiles and concentrated industrial emissions. A good overview of areas of responsibility of certain agencies of government. Includes numbers of new installations and purification devices in Moscow.